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WANTED INFORMATION.

And When He Received It He Made a Loud Demand for Drinks.

The Secretary of State had just come down out of his office and was making a bee line for a cool place, when a tall, lank, hump-shouldered, "one gallused" man stopped him in the merciless sunshine and said:

"Do you live here?"
"Yes, sir."
"Been living here very long?"
"Yes for some time."
"Know a fellow named Ike Pilers?"
"No, I think not."
"Great big red-headed feller."
"No I don't believe I have ever seen him."

"Sorter limps with his left foot and don't care a cent who's in town."
"Never met him I'm sure."
The man took hold of the lapel of the Secretary's coat and said:
"Of course you know Sam Powell?"
"Don't know that I do. Let's get in the shade."

"Wait just a minute. Sam's a sort of bench-legged feller—a curious feller, not exactly a liar but a man who keeps on talkin' after all his facts have give out."

"Don't know him."
"Blind in one eye."
"Never saw him."
"Curious feller—man that will pay if he has the money, but who never has the money."

"Have never met him. My friend, I must get in the shade."

"Just wait a minute," the man replied, retaining his hold on the Secretary. "I'm a stranger in this town, and I want to get a little information. Do you know a feller here named Pete Wilson?"

"I think not."

"Sort of a curious feller, with a scar on his right jaw."

"I haven't the pleasure of his acquaintance."

"Feller with one shoulder higher than the other."

"I have never met him. Whew! I must get in the shade."

"Just wait a minute. Just want to find out a little something. Am a stranger in the town. Say, do you know a feller named Potter Mason?"

The Secretary, thinking it would be a good idea to humor the fellow, replied: "I think so."

"A one-legged feller?"
"Yes."
"Follow with a splay foot?"
"Exactly."

"Sorter curious lookin' out of his eyes?"
"He's the man."

"Always trying to steal somebody's dog?"
"The very fellow."

"Come from St. Louis, eh?" the man joyously exclaimed.
"Yes, sir."

"Sorter hoarse, especially just after a rain?"
"The identical fellow."

"Are you sure?"
"I am."

"Now, look here, podner, the drinks are on you."

"Why so?"
"Because there ain't such a man in Arkansas. Come, set 'em up an' I won't tell the fellers that I've caught you."

"I say that I won't."
"What, after I have caught you? Say, podner, try once, won't you?"

"Turn me loose."
"Wait a minute. I am a stranger in the town and would like to be treated with courtesy. I may be curious, but generosity and courtesy win me every time. Hold on a bit. Say, do you know a mean, rough-skinned feller named Parkman?"

The Secretary had broken loose from him and run to the shade.—Arkansas Traveler.

It Could Fly and It Didn't.
New arrival (taking his first meal at the country farm house): I thought you advertised that this was a delightful place.

Farmer Brown: So it is. Have some tea!
New Arrival: What is tea?
Farmer Brown: Why a kind of duck.

New Arrival: Could it fly?
Farmer Brown: Certainly. Have some?

New Arrival: No, I don't want any. Any thing that could fly, and didn't fly out of this accursed place, I don't want any thing to do with.—The Jury.

A Jail Bird.
"Now, sir," asked the prosecuting attorney, looking at him sternly, "were you ever in prison?"
"Yes, sir, I have been," answered the witness in a low tone.

"Ah, I thought so, sir. You are a pretty fellow. Jail bird! How long ago has it been?"
"It was during the war. I served six months in Andersonville and Libby while you were up North here writing magazine articles on how to end the conflict," answered the witness in the same low, meek tone.—Munsey's Weekly.

Working Him Again.
"Hello, Shadbolt! Howdy? By the way, they say there is a dangerous \$10 counterfeit in circulation. Seen any of them?"
"Haven't seen any of them, Dingus, but if you have a \$10 bill of any kind I'll take it in payment of that last X you got of me."

(Gratefully)—"That's kind of you, Shadbolt. Here's one they won't take in any of the stores. Ever so much obliged to you old boy."—Chicago Tribune.

Nothing to Worry About.
Scared Neighbor—Oh, Mrs. Muggins, y'e husband is tryin' to hang himself in th' barn.
Mrs. Muggins—He never succeeded in doin' any thing he tried to do, so far. Guess he'll be comin' in all right w'en the dinner-bell rings.—Street & Smith's Good News.

His Reason.
His Reason.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

—That man hath nothing, who wants Christ; and that man who hath Christ, wants nothing.

—The American Congregational Churches have resolved to give \$2,000 annually for evangelical work in France.

—The American colony of students and archaeologists in Athens is so large as to give a certain character to the daily life of the town. There are dozens of professors studying there whose names are well known in America.

—The missionaries assembled at the recent Shanghai conference sent out an urgent call for a reinforcement of 1,000 men to enter China within the next five years. Not ministers only are sought, but unordained men as well, evangelists, teachers and physicians.

—Miss Fuji Koka, a young Japanese lady, who has spent three years in this country, giving special attention to kindergarten work, left Chicago recently for home. She will probably be associated with Miss Howe, at Kobe, in training a select number of her countrywomen in the mystery of kindergartenism.

—Life is a journey, not a home; a road, not an abiding place; a preparation, not an abode of rest. The joys of the way are but as resting spots on the road, where we may be refreshed for the moment that again we may journey on, seeking what is still before us—the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

—It is said that Cardinal Newman's hymn, "Lead, kindly light," though sung so frequently in Protestant churches and chapels, is seldom heard in Roman Catholic services, and has no place in the authorized collection of hymns used at the Brompton Oratory. But it should be remembered that that hymn was written before he became a Catholic.

—An inconsistent Christian is worse than an infidel, for his influence makes infidels. Most unbelievers—honestly such—have been driven to unbelief by the inconsistency of those who claimed to be believers. To misrepresent Christ by a sinful life, and thus drive men away from Christ, is to be worse than those driven away.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

—English education appears thus far to have made only a superficial impression on the Bengali mind. The director of public instruction complains that up to the present there have been no original publications in any department of learning. Journalism and politics, not always of a respectable character, seem wholly to occupy the educated talent of young Bengal.

—A set of fifteen chiming bells for the towers of St. Patrick's Cathedral, in this city, has been contracted for by the Meenley Bell Company, of Troy. The bells will cost \$15,000, will range in weight from 6,500 to 400 pounds, and the aggregate weight is to be 30,000 pounds. At present the heaviest set in the country is Trinity's chimes, New York City, the weight of which is 12,000 pounds.

—I would rather have more of the mind that was in Christ; more of a meek, quiet, resigned, peaceful and loving disposition, than to enjoy the greatest measure of sensible comfort, if the consequence (as perhaps it would) should be spiritual pride, self-sufficiency, and a want of that tenderness to others which becomes one who has reason to style himself "the chief of sinners."—John Newton.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—He who laughs at himself will not laugh alone.—Ram's Horn.

—Hay fever may be likened to a "tie vote," as "the eyes and nose both appear to have it."

—A close reader—one who always borrows his neighbor's paper, being too close to buy one.—Texas Siftings.

—"Go to work, you lazy thing."

—"Tain't no use. Work won't do nothin' for me since I struck him."—Harper's Bazar.

—After all the only way to profit by the experience of others and avoid their troubles, is to die young.—Athenian Globe.

—"The way to emancipate a man is to make him so large that you can't afford to furnish iron enough to make a fetter."—Beecher.

—"Speak no evil of the absent; that is cowardly. Likewise, speak no evil of the present; you might get licked."—Indianapolis Journal.

—"An empty pocket-book is a man's most constant friend. Others may grow cold, but he will find no change in the purse."—Great Barrington News.

—"The man who is small in stature never regrets the fact so much as when he is holding an umbrella over a pretty girl who is about fourteen inches taller than he."—Boston Herald.

—"Mrs. De Fashion—What! Did your daughter marry for love? Mrs. Oldtime—Indeed she did. Would you like to see her? "Well, yes, unless she is exhibiting herself at some dime museum."—Good News.

—"A man's ears are placed in such a way that he may catch the things that are said in front of him. A merciful Providence never intended that he should hear what is said behind his back."—Athenian Globe.

—"I believe in holiness, truth, beauty; I believe in the redemption of the soul by faith in forgiveness; I believe in love, devotion, honor; I believe in duty and moral conscience; I believe in prayer; I believe that our higher nature is our only true nature."—Amiel's Journal.

—"Somebody says that a healthy infant, cooing in a cradle, is a sight that makes angels lean over the battlements of Heaven and gaze longingly toward earth. The idea is poetic, but the cold facts in the case are that life is full of howling discord to the inexperienced father of colicky twins."—Ram's Horn.

—"Great Editor (new daily paper)—"Have you finished that double-headed leader on our marvelous increase of circulation and our phenomenal success?" Assistant—Yes, sir. Just got through. "Did you refer to the paper as the most wonderful journalistic triumph since the days of Franklin?" "Those were al-

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7:55 a. m. Daily; arrive Radford 9:15 a. m., connecting with New River branch, leaving Radford 12:10 p. m. Arrives Bristol 12:40 p. m., connects with E. T. V. & G. R. R. for all points south and west; has Pullman Palace Sleeper from Roanoke to New Orleans without change.

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3:45 p. m. Daily; for Lynchburg and intermediate stations; arrives Lynchburg 5:40 p. m.

7:20 p. m. Daily; for Lynchburg and intermediate stations; arrives Lynchburg 9:20 p. m.

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